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SUBJECT: OPIUM CULTIVATION IN BEKAA VALLEY LEBANON

REF: DAMASCUS 1145, BEIRUT 0891 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT (S/NM AND NEA/RA) WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
CONCRETE INFORMATION ADDRESSEE POSTS COULD PROVIDE CON-
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CERNING ACTUAL ORGANIZED CULTIVATION OPIUM POPPIES IN
BEKAA VALLEY, LEBANON. REALIZE DIFFICULTIES IN PROVIDING
SUCH INFORMATION; HOWEVER, SENIOR ADVISOR FALCO, S/NM,
HEARD MANY REPORTS DURING LATEST CND MEETING IN GENEVA
THAT ORGANIZED CULTIVATION OPIUM POPPIES TAKING PLACE IN
BEKAA VALLEY. DEPARTMENT NOT RPT NOT ASKING ANYONE,
AMERICAN OR OTHER NATIONALITY, ATTEMPT VERIFY WHAT IS

HAPPENING IN BEKAA VALLEY BY ON SPOT OBSERVATION BUT WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER HARD EVIDENCE, OTHER THAN INFORMATION CONTAINED DAMASCUS 1145, THERE MAY BE FOR REPORTS OF OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION FOR ILLICIT PURPOSES BEKAA VALLEY. TO ASSESS THREAT OF NEW OPIUM SOURCE, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ACREAGE ACTUALLY PLANTED WOULD BE MOST USEFUL.

2. FOR CAIRO: HAS ANA DIRECTOR FARAG ANY EVIDENCE OR INFORMATION CONCERNING SUCH CULTIVATION? HAS ANY OPIUM

IDENTIFIABLE WITH LEBANON BEEN SEIZED RECENTLY IN EGYPT.

3. FOR DAMASCUS: DO SYRIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF OPIUM CULTIVATION BEKAA VALLEY? HAVE THERE BEEN ANY REPORTED SIGHTINGS OF OPIUM CULTIVATION FROM CONVOYS TRAVELING FROM HOMS THROUGH VALLEY FOR EXAMPLE?
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